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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the European Union held a wide ranging dialogue on energy to identify areas in which they can work together;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main agreements reached between India and European Union in this regard;

(d) the benefits likely to be accrued to India therefrom; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Union Government to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a, b) Yes Sir. The inaugural meeting of the India-EU Energy Panel was held in Brussels on 29 June 2005 as per the decision taken at the 5th India-EU Summit in November 2004. The panel discussed the various possible strategies for development of secure and sustainable energy supplies.

(c,d,e) India hopes to obtain transfer of technology, hold joint research projects and share best practices in energy sector. The Energy Panel decided to set up three Working Groups in the areas of Clean Coal technologies, Energy Efficiency & renewable energies and Fusion energy to carry forward bilateral cooperation in energy sector.